

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/964,221

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/9/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-22 and 42-47.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's arguments filed January 9, 2007, have been fully considered.
2. Claims 2-22 and 42-47 are pending and have been examined. Claims 1 and 23-41 have been cancelled.

Response to Amendment

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to the prior art have been considered.
4. The rejection of claims 2-3, 5, 9, 17, 20, 22, 43-45 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is withdrawn.
5. The rejection of claims 2-22 and 42-47 under 35 U.S.C. 101 is withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 2-22 and 42-47 are allowed.
7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
 - the prior art of record does not expressly disclose or fairly suggest the claimed limitations found in independent claim 42, e) calculating an unencrypted Euclidean distance metric, E , between unencrypted new and reference signals, Y_{new} and Y_{ref} ; f) calculating an encrypted Euclidean distance metric, D , between the encrypted new and reference measurements, U_{new} and U_{ref} ; g) comparing the encrypted Euclidean distance metric, D , to a critical value, D_{crit} , and; h) if $D < D_{\text{crit}}$, then deciding that the item is authentic; and i) providing the result of the decision made in step h) to an authenticator or inspector, thereby allowing the authenticator or inspector to decide if the item is authentic; wherein the

transformation has the property that the unencrypted Euclidean distance metric, E , is equal to the encrypted Euclidean distance metric, D .

8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

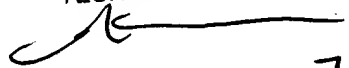
9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David G. Cervetti whose telephone number is (571) 272-5861. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm, off on Wednesday.

10. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser G. Moazzami can be reached on (571) 272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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